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Lafayette school board starts search for new superintendent

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Lafayette has set in motion its process for finding a replacement for School Superintendent Rachel Zinn, following her announcement that she will retire at the end of August.

According to Lafayette School District Board President Teresa Gerringer the board has sent request for proposals to firms that do superintendent searches with a deadline to respond by the end of the month. The board will then review all proposals, interview three or four firms and select one at an upcoming open session board meeting. The trustees are working to get this public meeting scheduled and hope to announce it to the community by mid-February.

Once the search firm is selected Gerringer says that the board and search firm will present a plan for parent and public input.

Gerringer made it very clear that Zinn has the complete support of the entire school board.

"Rachel is a great instructional leader who has led the Lafayette School District for 12 years both as assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction and as superintendent for the last five years. She has committed to continue to give 150 percent through the end of the school year or until we find her replacement."

Zinn made the point herself in her note to the community. "We have many months left together, so please know that I will make the most of every minute of this time and will do everything possible to insure a very smooth, seamless transition."

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